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Comments on Memorandum from US Delegation
to Revised Basic Paper on Disarmament
Dated May 31, 1957
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Reference to para no
in Annex, May 31 draft.

1. Substitute second sentence

"A signatory may exercise this authority by written notice to the control organization of either an important violation by another signatory or other action by a signatory or non-signatory which so prejudices the security of the notifying state as to require the partial or complete suspension of commitments."

2. Substitute language

"All signatories (except the US, UK and USSR) to agree that they are prohibited from the manufacture of nuclear weapons, or from their acquisition or possession, except in conformity with paragraph 3.

"This provision will not prohibit—

a. Any of the states possessing nuclear weapons from introducing or maintaining such weapons on the territory of non-nuclear-weapons states with its consent; or

b. The preparatory training of forces of non-nuclear-weapons states in the use of nuclear weapons or equipping them with means of delivery for such weapons."

3. First line

strike out the words "all voluntarily".

Subparagraph (b)

Change the first words to read "if an armed attack".

4. End of first paragraph

strike out the words starting with "and will transfer" to the end of the sentence, and substitute the following new sentence: "The US will seek ways to make it clear that all fissionable materials in the US stockpile have already been incorporated into nuclear weapons or transferred to peaceful uses."

5. Bottom of first paragraph

Substitute for last clause beginning "provided, however" the words "provided that these transfers shall be carried out only to a degree which will leave a very substantial part of the nuclear weapons capability to each of the three."

6(b) Ninth line

After the words "Aleutian Islands", substitute the following: "the Soviet territory East of 160° West longitude" and continue with the existing text "and all of the Kamchatka Peninsula", etc.

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6(b). Last sentence

Change to read: "In conducting negotiations concerning the area of the zone, the US Delegation is not authorized to offer more US territory in exchange for more Siberian territory in the absence of further specific instructions."

9 and 10. These paragraphs conform to the decisions reached at the White House. Mr. Allen Dulles, however, has asked for reconsideration of the decision to require blueprints of only those military forces and armaments within agreed zones and would prefer an exchange of over-all blueprints. Such a new decision would call for deletion from paragraph 9 in the first sentence of the phrase "within the agreed zone or zones" and for deletion in paragraph 10(b) of the phrase "located within such inspection zone".

14, 15, 17. Delete paragraphs and substitute the following new paragraph at the end of the paper.

"The following matters related to the question of a European-Russian inspection zone will not be raised by the US. If the NATO nations, in accordance with paragraph 6, propose any such provisions, the US will then decide on what position to take on the following matters:

- a. Any prohibition on introducing or maintaining nuclear weapons by nuclear-weapons states within the area of any Russian-European inspection zone established in accordance with paragraph 6;
- b. Any provision for special reduction in the armaments and armed forces of the US and the USSR located within any European-Russian inspection zone established in accordance with paragraph 6;
- c. Any provision for reduction in air bases within any European-Russian zone established in accordance with paragraph 6."